

## INFLUENZA CUTS COAL SUPPLY FIFTY PER CENT.

60 PER CENT. OF MINERS ILL IN ONE DISTRICT.

If Epidemic Spreads Winter Supply May Be Greatly Reduced.

Oct. 10, 1918.  
W. E. Myer, Federal Fuel Administrator, Nashville, Tenn.: This field is suffering severely from influenza epidemic and our tonnage will be reduced this week at least 50 per cent. Must request that you only forward us orders of the most urgent nature, as we will be unable to ship promptly on account of epidemic in field. More than 60 per cent. of our miners are sick and we have had around 200 deaths in the field in the last week.

(Signed) J. D. KILGORE,  
District Representative of U. S. Fuel Administration for Southeastern Kentucky and Southwestern Virginia.

The above telegram was received Thursday morning by W. E. Myer, state fuel administrator, from J. D. Kilgore, district representative for the fuel administration for the southeastern Kentucky and southwestern Virginia district. Tennessee, as well as the two Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, depend on this district for a great deal of their coal supply and are the states which will be most seriously affected by the existing conditions in this mining section.

In speaking of the situation as a whole, W. E. Myer, who is in Chattanooga today attending the war workers' conference, states that as the influenza epidemic has struck the miners in this district and several smaller towns, he believes that it will be but a few days until it will affect the other districts in the same way. Mr. Myer declares that it is bound to spread with the large number of deaths in this district, and within a short time there will be a similar condition existing throughout the United States.

**Urges Economy.**  
Through the most efficient economy program that has been worked out by the fuel administration, Mr. Myer stated Thursday morning that the situation had begun to look favorable when the influenza epidemic cast an unforeseen shadow over the path. However, he remarked, by continuing to carry out the same conservation program, it may not be necessary for the administration to close the factories this winter if the epidemic does not become more serious among the miners.

Mr. Myer said that the miners all over the state are working at the present time with a more co-operative spirit than they had ever shown before. He says he does not anticipate any strikes at all, and that the only thing that will knock the administra-

tion out of the box is the influenza epidemic.

**Still Gasless Sundays.**  
In speaking of the "gasless Sundays" Mr. Myer stated that as yet he had received no intimation from the administration in Washington as to when this program would be discontinued, but that he surmised the shortage must be great, as the authorities had not given out any information in this regard.

In referring to the new closing and opening order affecting the stores throughout the country, Mr. Myer said that in all parts of the state this ruling has been met by the dealers without any objection and he thought it would be followed out to the letter without any trouble.

When asked about poolrooms, the administrator stated that his personal opinion was that he didn't believe the authorities in Washington would permit these places to remain open at all very much longer.

## WRONGFULLY ACCUSED

Henry Elbert Has Bought More Bonds Than His Accuser.

Henry Elbert, of German extraction but American-born and raised in Russian Poland, appeared at the News office Thursday morning both aggrieved and indignant that one of his neighbors should have called him a "German spy." He lives at 1505 West Forty-seventh street, East Lake, and has all the government papers necessary to establish his status. He has a boy fighting with the United States marines and is the possessor of several liberty bonds. "I have done all I could," insisted the offended man, "probably more than the man who has called me in public a 'German spy.' What I want to know is, do I have to stand for this indignity?"

## SEEK MISSING BOY

Father of Lexington, Ky., Youth Wires Local Labor Board for Tidings of His Son.

Officials of the local branch of the United States employment service are in receipt of communications asking news of Murray Mantle, of Lexington, Ky., who was last heard of as headed this way. It is supposed that he obtained employment at the local service, but there are no records of his passage through the office.

His father, who is president of the Lexington Bank of Commerce, describes him as a youth 16 years of age, fully 6 feet tall and dressed in a suit of clothes which might be termed "college cut."

## HOWARD M. PECK IS ILL

Howard M. Peck, formerly a police traffic officer stationed at Ninth and Market streets, but now employed in the claims department of the Chattanooga Railway and Light company, is seriously ill at his home on Lookout street. Mr. Peck went to his home Wednesday morning and his case was diagnosed as influenza. He was unconscious Wednesday evening. Thursday he was reported slightly improved. Of a large, robust stature, the sick man might seem the last to fall a victim to the epidemic. He has a wide acquaintance, and was generally known as the "genial policeman" at Ninth and Market streets by many who do not know him by name.

Two per cent. discount allowed on all city taxes if paid at once. Pay now and save the discount.

J. C. HIBBETS,  
City Treasurer and Tax Collector.

## SPEED UP WORK OF ALL DRAFT BOARDS

MAJ. RUTLEDGE SMITH, W. E. MYER AND OTHERS HERE.

Meeting at Courthouse Thursday Morning to Expedite Draft Procedure.

Maj. Rutledge Smith, chairman of the state Council of National Defense; Dr. W. F. Kinnel, morale officer from Provost Marshal-General Crowder's office; Richard A. Farr, inspector from that office, and W. E. Myer, state fuel administrator, are in Chattanooga. They held a conference Thursday morning with draft officials in regard to the speeding up of classification and fitting the men for service before they leave the camp.

On account of the order affecting all indoor meetings, the meeting was held in the courthouse yard and was quite informal. The keynote of the meeting was the speeding up of classifications and examinations in order that the men may be sent to France as soon as possible to expedite the end of the war.

Maj. Smith made a short introductory talk in which he complimented the draft boards for the wonderful work which they have performed in sending the men into the camps and the condition which the men were in at the time they were entrained. He then emphasized the fact that there is no politics in connection with the draft boards in the state and said that every one is working with one purpose, the winning of the war.

He then introduced Dr. Kinnel, who made a short talk showing the value of preliminary instruction to the draft men before they leave for camp. He said that the main purpose of the boards of instruction is to make the men understand exactly the principles they are fighting for and to make them want to go. "The men see things to make them want to fight when they get on the other side, but they see nothing to make them want to get into the fighting when they go into camp," he said, "and it is up to us to instill that desire in their hearts before they leave for training."

Guard Physical Welfare.

He said that boards of instruction should warn them against wrongdoing, not as a religious measure, but as a measure toward patriotism. "The boards have a good work, and if they carry out their purposes the men we send to camp will make 100 per cent. soldiers."

Richard A. Farr, an inspector from Gen. Crowder's office, was next called upon. He told of the importance of speeding up classifications. He complimented the boards on the work they have accomplished and urged them to put forth every effort to have all classifications complete within 100 days.

Poster V. Brown, chairman of city exemption board No. 1, then assured Maj. Smith and the other officials that

the boards in Hamilton county would complete their work of classification on schedule time and that the local boards could be called on to do anything at any time. Mr. Brown said he felt that the local boards could do anything any other boards could do and that they would do them before any of the other boards would do them.

## HOOVER WON'T SIGN CONTRACT WITH UNION

AGREES TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, HOWEVER.

Grants Five-Cent Raise and Instant Differences Go Before War Labor Board.

"We expect to abide by the published policy of the war labor board and we will in no way vary from those policies. On that account we cannot sign a contract with any union," said F. W. Hoover, vice-president of the Chattanooga Railway and Light company, yesterday afternoon, in answer to the committee of four men from the employees of the company who sought recognition of the newly organized labor union among the street railway employees.

Mr. Hoover told them that he was perfectly willing to abide by the decision of the war labor board in regard to wages and that he would grant any increases which the board might advise after the scale for the south is determined. He emphasized the fact that he wanted to be fair with the men and that he had already granted an increase of 5 cents an hour pending the decision of the board.

He said that the policies of the board were ready to uphold any action that the war labor board may take and if we in any way violate the stipulations of that board, we shall expect the men to appeal to the board, and if the men violate any of the stipulations we shall appeal to the board," said Mr. Hoover. Apparently the men were satisfied with the decision, though they made no reply.

## TOOK OUT DREADFUL SORENESS.

When the kidneys are weakened or overworked so that they fail to filter and throw all impurities out of the blood, the poison remains in the system and backache, soreness, lameness and rheumatic pains are likely to develop.

Mrs. David Henry, 65 S. Lincoln Ave., Washington, N. J., writes: "Foley Kidney Pills are doing me much good, both my kidneys and the rheumatism. They took all the dreadful soreness out of my limbs. Jo Anderson, druggist, Chattanooga, Tenn.—(Adv.)"

## YOUNG LAWYER ILL.

R. T. Wright, Jr., is Victim of Influenza—His Condition Serious.

R. T. Wright, Jr., the well-known young attorney, is dangerously ill at his home with influenza. Mr. Wright has for the past two days been delirious with fever. His many friends anxiously await news from his bedside.

## COUNTY BOND SALE HALF WAY OVER TOP

NOON REPORT SHOWS TOTAL SALES OF \$3,664,400.

Expect to Oversubscribe Quota of \$6,382,000 by Friday Night.

TODAY'S BOND SALES		
Division A	419	\$ 318,800
Division B	1,289	183,300
Division C	1,444	394,700
Division D	683	158,150
Division E	2	50,000
Division F	1,373	312,150
Division G	827	271,300
Total	5,937	\$1,688,400
Total subscriptions up to date		\$3,664,400
Total number of subscriptions up to date		12,224

All captains of the liberty loan organization, with the exception of the one at the head of Division H, reported their totals at the noon-day meeting held Thursday in front of the loan headquarters on Broad street. The amount reported, with the former figures puts Chattanooga over halfway past her total allotment, which is \$6,382,000. The subscriptions turned into headquarters, as explained by Chairman George H. Patten at the meeting, do not represent the entire amount the solicitors have taken in, as they are instructed to hold their reports on the industrial concerns until they have worked the entire building instead of making it in parts. In addition to this report of Division H was not included in the figures, as Captain F. E. Mahoney was not present.

The solicitors are still at work on the city and were instructed by Chairman Patten to complete their territory by Friday night at 6 o'clock and be prepared to make their final reports at 8:30 o'clock at a meeting which will be held at the corner of Eighth and Broad streets. All indoor meetings having been voluntarily called off on account of the influenza.

The chairman also announced that District Chairman W. C. Wardlaw, of the Atlanta division, will be on hand for the liberty day celebration which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Mrs. Sam Phillips, chairman for the Women's organization in the state of Tennessee, made a short talk at the meeting Thursday. After reading the encouraging headlines in The News concerning the world war, she remarked: "You able Huns had better take notice, old 'zero' will get you on Oct. 12."

**Dr. S. G. Carter.**  
Pneumonia has claimed the life of Dr. Sanford G. Carter, aged 27, well-known young man. He passed away Wednesday morning in the hospital at Camp Greenleaf. He had been sick only a week. The body goes to Roanoke, Ala., home of the deceased, for funeral and interment.

Surviving the deceased are his parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford G. Carter, Sr.; two brothers and two sisters, all of Roanoke. Dr. Carter, a well-known veterinarian, was first assistant to Dr. F. W. Morgan for about two years. His medical education was received at Auburn. He was placed in charge when the city health authorities took under their supervision the inspection of the abattoir. When Dr. Morgan was placed in charge of dairy inspection, Dr. Carter acted as field inspector of cattle.

The deceased volunteered for the veterinary officers' training camp at Camp Greenleaf, and had just completed his course and was awaiting his commission when stricken.

He was a young man of splendid qualities and had a wide circle of friends. His life was one of great promise.

## NOTED MEDICOS COME TO GREENLEAF OCT. 14

Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference of United States Surgeons.

One of the biggest events in the way of a military meeting ever held will take place at Camp Greenleaf next week, when military surgeons of the United States army gather for the twenty-sixth annual conference.

The country's most prominent surgeons and medical men will be in attendance and will be guests in camp and share the camp life of the medical men at Greenleaf.

It was first thought that between 300 and 400 visiting surgeons would be in attendance, but on account of the influenza situation throughout the country a large number of surgeons will be unable to attend. It is estimated that the visitors will number about 200.

The program will consist of addresses and papers along surgical lines, as relating to the army and to the public, especially the former. Operations will be discussed and scientific papers, which will be of special benefit to new surgeons, will be heard.

Dr. Alby, who ranks as the world's most noted bone surgeon, and other distinguished medical men, will be on the program.

A number of entertainment features have been arranged for the conference. These will include a big boxing program and a vaudeville show.

**CHANGES LOCATION.**  
Allen Hitzfeld has removed his offices from the Temple Court, and will hereafter share offices on the eleventh floor of the Hamilton National Bank building with Sizer, Chambliss & Sizer.

Mr. Hitzfeld, who is one of Chattanooga's best known young attorneys, has for the past several months been trying to get into the army, but on account of some physical defect was each time turned down. He has decided to resume the practice of law.

**POSTPONEMENT OF MEETINGS.**  
The monthly meeting of the ladies' committee of the soldiers' rest rooms, scheduled for Friday afternoon this week, has been postponed on account of the quarantine. Notice will be given later of the meeting. Also the week-end parties on Saturday nights have been suspended until further notice.

## SHORTAGE OF PRISONERS CAUSES SERIOUS PROBLEM

ROADS NEED REPAIRS, BUT WORKERS SCARCE.

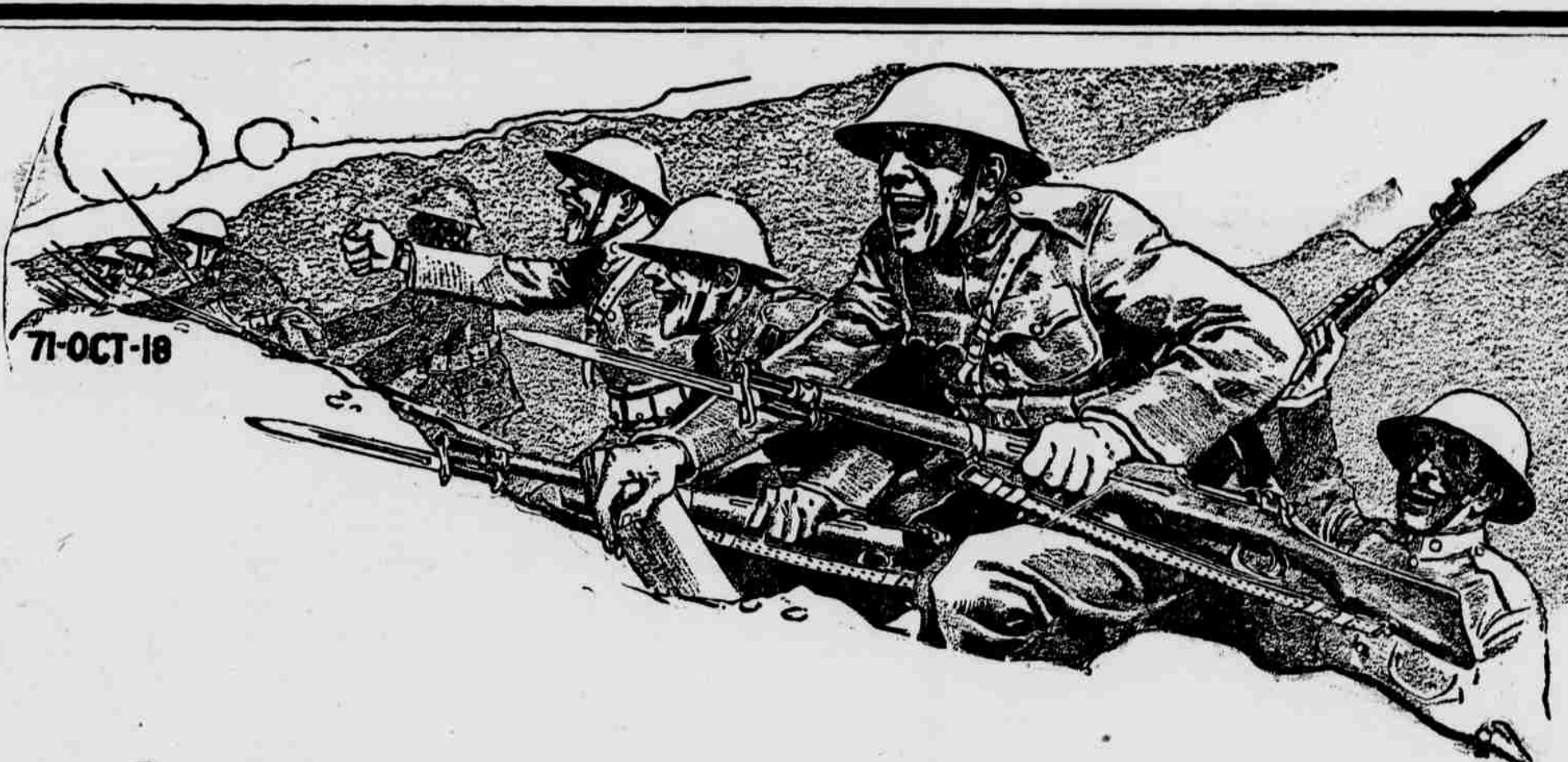
Trouble With Heating Furnace of Courthouse and Jail Another Problem.

Hamilton county is facing a serious problem in the repairing of roads and bridges on account of the few men now confined in the Hamilton county workhouse. Supt. Roger Crox stated Thursday morning that he did not see how the roads were going to be kept in repair or how the bridges could be kept up as there were only twenty prisoners now in the workhouse, the smallest in the history of the institution. County Judge Sam A. Conner stated that it was certainly a serious problem, but that on account of the financial straits the county was now facing there was no remedy for it. He stated that the Whiteside street bridge and a bridge on Lookout mountain would be repaired as soon as they could be gotten to, but he did not know when this would be. "There is one thing to a certainty, as I said in my report to the county court, no new work can be done on bridges or roads for the reason of the large deficit we are facing," said the judge. "Of course roads that we have will have to be kept up the best way possible," he concluded.

Another serious problem which the county judge said is facing him is the condition of the boilers at the jail which heat both the jail and the courthouse. The judge states that the boilers are in bad repair and can hardly be fixed so as to heat the jail and the courthouse. His idea, however, is to build a boiler beneath the courthouse to heat that building and allow the boiler at the jail to heat that place. "The janitor at the courthouse could fire the boiler there," stated Judge Conner, "and trustees at the jail could fire that boiler and in this way \$2,000 expenses for firemen and engineers could be saved, as well as a large amount spent for coal." Judge Conner stated that it took thirty-five pounds of pressure to heat the jail and courthouse and that this fairly eat up coal. Judge Conner stated that when he was sheriff he heated the old jail comfortably at practically little cost, and the boilers were fired by trustees and not by men who were paid a salary.

It will be remembered that the employees of the courthouse last winter were decidedly uncomfortable during the whole season on account of the cold building. Judge Conner is anxious that this shall not occur this year, especially when influenza is so prevalent. He says that he will make some arrangements as best he can.

Avoid taking colds or Spanish "flu" by keeping your bowels and liver active with a Discolax Tablet at bedtime. 25c box at your druggist's.—(Adv.)



# Soldiers Facing Death for You!

Somewhere in France today, at this very minute, thousands of soldiers are looking straight into the face of death.

They are doing this for YOU.

By night and day, in storm, in rain, in cold and gloom, facing a hundred deaths, the soldier never

hesitates a minute, but does his duty without a thought of hesitation and without a thought of reward.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR HIM TODAY?

When you think of that man don't you want to do something to prove that you appreciate what he is doing for you?

Of course you do. Then act on your desire and buy LIBERTY BONDS which will help to safeguard him and to bring him back home.

After YOU have bought all you can, tell your friends to do the same.

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ANY BANK WILL HELP YOU

## HARDWARE MERCHANTS' HOURS

Opening 7:30 A. M. Closing 5 P. M. Saturdays, 7:30 A. M. to 9:30 P. M.

In accordance with the Fuel Administration orders to conserve fuel, lights and manpower, the undersigned hardware merchants will observe the above hours.

We request our customers to co-operate with the Government by purchasing as far in advance of their needs as possible, as deliveries will also be limited to business hours. Phone orders accepted only during business hours.

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